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Taiwanese Patent Office Search Report issued in corresponding Taiwanese Patent Application No. 093129930 cites Japanese Patent Publication No. 2-296899 (Reference AG).

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